Dear Editors:

In ***GA No. 8*** you published as an article something I had written to John Zerzan. In a note immediately following it you accused me of " fairly overt homophobia," citing my use of what you called " the queer-identified term 'pink'."

If the term "pink" is identified with homosexuality, I didn't know it. Maybe I have failed to keep up with the twists and turns of political correctness. I was using the term in a much older and well-established sense derived from the fact that pink is a watered-down form of red: "Pink" people are those who dabble in leftism but don't have the guts to be real revolutionaries.

You claim you've seen homophobia in previous articles of mine, but you mention only one, namely, "Ship of Fools." Of all the people who have commented on "Ship of Fools," you are the only ones, that I know of, who have seen homophobia in it. As a matter of fact, "Ship of Fools" was reprinted in the San Francisco gay periodical Magnus.

In the interest of complete honesty and disclosure I will state two facts: (1) During my early teens I had a few homosexual experiences with another kid my age. (2) I *mildly* dislike homosexuality. This is a matter of personal taste. My emotional involvement in it is slight, and it has no effect on my "political" viewpoint. In other words, I basically just don't care. What people do in the bed is their own business and not mine.

My contempt (as expressed, e.g., in "Ship of Fools") is not for gay people, women, ethnic minorities, or sweatshop workers, but for activists who think that the special problems of these groups are more important than the disaster with which the technoindustrial system threatens the world.

-Ted Kaczynski